professionals but will also assist in strengthening the existing institutions in the public health sector, create a pool of excellent faculty, act as a think tank for the Government providing inputs for policy initiatives and set standards for public health education. It is envisaged that PHFI alongwith the schools of public health would be able to trian more than 2000 public health professionals annually, in addition to turning out 150 Masters of public Health per year.

Hospitals in various States for treatment of aids

2340. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of HIV infection cases detected in the State of U.P., Haryana and Punjab during the last two years;

(b) the number of hospitals set up in each of these States for the treatment of HIV patients;

(c) how many patients have been fully cured in these centres during that period; and

(d) whether any assistance has been given to those patients for their rehabilitation and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):(a) The reported number of HIV infection cases during the last two years in given below:

State	2004	2005
U.P.	109	339
Haryana	85	125
Punjab	37	69

(b) No separate hospitals/wards are being established for treatment of HIV patients. The treatment for opportunistic infections in HIV patients is provided free of cost in medical colleges, district hospitals and other

health facilities. The anti-retroviral therapy for AIDS patients with CD4 count of less than 200 is provided free of cost in Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, King George Medical College, Lucknow and LLRM Medical College, Meerut in U.P., Govt. Medical College, Rohtak in Haryana and Civil Hospital, Jalandhar and Govt. Medical College, Amritsar in Punjab.

(c) There is no cure for AIDS. The treatment keeps the viral multiplication under control and is life long.

(d) No financial assistance is given to these patients. 122 Community Care Centres have been set up all over the country for terminally ill AIDS cases. These include 1 each in Haryana and U.P.

Food Adulteration

2341. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the food adulteration;

(b) if so, what steps Government ar taking to check this;

(c) what is the institutional or any other machinery to check food adulteration; and

(d) what trader-friendly steps are being taken to firm up the institutional mechanism to check food adulteration without causing unnecessary harassment to traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):(a) to (c) To check food adulteration, a legislation called "The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954" has been enacted. This Act is enforced in the States/UTs through their enforcement machinery comprising of Food (Health) Authority, Local (Health) Authorities and Food Inspectors, who take samples of food commodities sold in the market to check adulteration in food.

(d) The Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS), which is statutory Committee to advise Central Government on all matters relating to implementation of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA)